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SAMOS, MIDAS and DISCOVERER Research and Development Programs and Development/Operational Plans for SAMOS and MIDAS

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1. The subject programs were formally proposed to the Secretary of Defense on 18 February 1960 and the following approval and guidance concerning the Development Plans was provided by letter, dated 20 April 1960, from DDR&E to Secretary of the Air Force. The Development/Operational Plans are still being revised and guidance will be provided later by separate action.

2. The Research and Development Programs were submitted on the basis of fund availability of $262.4 million in FY 1960 [redacted]. The revised fundings; i.e., $288.0 million FY 1960 [redacted] used herein are for program guidance purposes and actual funding will be determined through fiscal channels.

3. The MIDAS R&D program estimated at $51.9 million for FY 1960 and [redacted] is approved in principle with authority to implement the MIDAS program in accordance with the objectives of the essential R&D Program, dated 15 January 1960.

4. The DISCOVERER R&D Program is extended by six additional vehicles and ARDC will prepare a revised plan reflecting this extension. Fund allocations are [redacted] for FY 1960 [redacted] for FY 1961. The FY 1961 amount is contingent upon the submission and approval of the revised plan.

5. The SAMOS R&D Program must be further adjusted. ARDC is authorized to proceed on an interim basis within funding availability of $160.9 million for FY 1960 and planning estimate of [redacted]. It is directed that current effort assure that available resources be applied so as to fully achieve the R&D objectives, including schedule, in order of priority accepting slippages as necessary in lower priority items. The priority established for the R&D program provides for emphasizing photographic payloads over ferret, and within the photographic, recovery over readout. The adjustment required is to be accomodated within the ferret area and recommended program adjustments are to be forwarded to Hq USAF for review and further approval by OSD (R&E).

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U.S. Military construction funds in the amount of $8.5 million for BASOS and $5.7 million for MIDAS FY 1968 are approved and available. The FY 1968 military construction funds in the amount of [redacted] is contingent on approval of Installation/Operational Plans now under review.

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